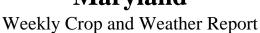


Maryland





October 23, 2006

Corn Harvest Wrapping Up

Rain activity last week resulted in **4.2 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 22, 2006. Despite the rain, **corn for grain** harvest increased 8 percent to 75 percent complete, 3 percent above last year and the five-year average. **Soybeans** were in fair to good condition. **Soybean** harvest was 30 percent complete, slightly lower than the five-year average.

Apple harvest was 97 percent complete slightly above last year and 8 percent above the five-year average.

Planting of **barley** was 76 percent complete slightly above the five-year average. **Winter wheat** was 42 percent planted 3 percent above last year.

Pasture was rated 8 percent excellent, 43 percent good, 35 percent fair, 12 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** were rated 2 percent surplus, 82 percent adequate, 10 percent short, and 6 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2006

Item	This Week Last Week		Last Year	Average			
Field Crops	Percent 2001-2005						
Corn: Harvested for Grain	83	75	80	80			
Soybeans: Dropping Leaves	90	81	89	87			
Harvested	30	21	36	31			
Barley Planted:	76	61	73	76			
Winter Wheat Planted:	42	36	39	44			
<u>Hay</u>							
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	78	74	87	85			
5 th Cutting	20	16	9	28			
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	49	48	57	78			
Fruits Harvested							
Apples							

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2006

SOIL MOISTORE CONDITION TOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2000								
	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture				
Condition by Percent	This	Last	Average	This	Last	Average		
	Week	Week	2001-2005	Week	Week	2001-2005		
Very Short	-	-	2	-	-	4		
Short	1	1	15	5	5	24		
Adequate	91	94	72	92	93	64		
Surplus	8	5	11	3	2	8		

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